at Shantiniketan in West Bengal will be released after the executing agency has fully utilised the amount already released.

Conference of the State Ministers for Tribal Development

2430. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the views expressed by different State Ministers during the conference of the State Ministers for Tribal Development on tbe 7th January, 1988 at New Delhi with details thereof;

(b) what is the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(c) what steps would be taken on the views expressed by diffrent States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATIORAON): (a) and (b) The Conference of State Ministers on Tribal Development was held on 6th January, 1988. The State Ministers generally agreed with the Central Government on the need for improving the planning process for tribal developmen^ strengthening the implementing machinery in tribal areas adequate rehabilitation of displaced tribals, implementation of protective measures and elimination o£ exploitation in marketing of tribal produce. In this regard^ they welcomed the setting up of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. They also welcomed and proposed forirralation of a National Policy on Rehabilitation of Displaced Tribals.

(c) Follow-up section will be taken with State Governments on making Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) as a unit of planning in tribal areas. Followup action will also be taken for strengthening the administrative machinery in these areas with the assistance of State Governments and on devolution of more powers, finatcial as well as administrative to them. Reviews will be made of the steps taken by the State Governments in implementation of protective measures during. Annual Tribal Sub-Plan discussions.

Proposal for construction of Houses for SC/ST

2431. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government has recently sent any proposal to the Central Government for allocation of funds for the construction of houses for the Scheduled Castes]Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH); (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Action for misappropriation of Jute employees provident fund

2432. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pieased to state:

(a) whether any action was taken against those jute barons who misappropriated employees' share of provident fund contribution;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in taking action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER), (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details of action taken reported by the E..P.F. authorities is as given in the attached statement.